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HUERTA MUST FIRE SALUTE BEFORE 6 O'CLOCK TOMORROW NIGHT OR ATTACK WILL BEGIN

PRESIDENT WILL GO TO CONGRESS WITH MESSAGE MONDAY

ORDERS TO CAPTURE PORTS

Battleships Now at Tampico and Vera Cruz Have Instructions to Proceed Without Waiting for Arrival of Admiral Badger and Main Atlantic Fleet Unless Provisional President Meets Demand on Time; Last Word in Diplomacy Has Passed.

MANY BELIEVE PRESIDENT HUERTA WILL WELCOME ATTACK AS THE ONLY WAY TO ESCAPE REBELS

Naval Plans Call for Immediate Siege of Both Seaports and Capture of the Railroad from Vera Cruz to Mexico City Thus Absolutely Isolating the Mexican Capital from All Communication With Outside World.

(By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.)

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Huerta will salute the American flag at Tampico before 6 p.m. Sunday, or President Wilson will go before congress in a joint session and ask for authority to take such measures as may be necessary.

This statement was issued at the White House today:

"General Huerta is still insisting on doing something less than he has been demanded, and something less than would constitute an acknowledgment that his representatives were entirely in the wrong in the indignities they have put on the government of the United States."

The president has determined that if General Huerta has not yielded by 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon, he will take the matter up with congress Monday.

Secretary Bryan explained that the president's statement meant Huerta would be obliged to guarantee the salute without qualification by 6 p.m. Sunday and that physical obstacles might defer its actual being fired by hour.

Huerta has reiterated his counter proposition for a simultaneous salute. President Wilson has informed him that the United States stands on the original demand of Rear Admiral Mayo, and that he must accept immediately.

Secretary Bryan prepared President Wilson's answer, which was immediately sent to Mexico City.

It set forth that unless Huerta accepts the American demands immediately, the plan for seizure of Tampico and Vera Cruz will be carried out without waiting for Admiral Badger to reach Mexican waters.

The plan for seizing Vera Cruz also includes the seizure of the railway from Vera Cruz to Mexico City, as far as the treble, about twenty miles west of Vera Cruz.

While President Wilson's final message was in transmission to Mexico City, orders were flashing out from the navy department, setting all forces already in Mexican waters in readiness to enforce its terms. There were no orders to the troops at Texas City.

White House officials announced that unless Huerta saluted the flag according to President Wilson's demand as soon after the receipt of today's message as was physically possible, action

personal representative in Mexico, who has just returned from an eight months' stay in Huerta's country.

After this conference Mr. Bryan hurried back to the White House, where other cabinet officers had collected, and the officials discussed the developments confidentially.

"The temporizing is ended," said one of the cabinet officers, who is personally close to Mr. Wilson.

WE HAVE THE PUNCH, AND HUERTA GETS IT

"We have the punch, we know it. We have had his last chance."

While the text of Huerta's message today and the president's reply were not made public, it became known that for which the United States asks apology have been apologized for, and that "he demurs at anything further."

Officials pointed out that the naval forces at Vera Cruz and Tampico were sufficient to carry out the president's plans without waiting for the arrival of Rear Admiral's fleet.

The transport Hancock already has arrived at Tampico with 800 marines.

battleships Virginia, Connecticut and Minnesota, and the cruisers Des Moines, Dolphin and San Francisco also are there. The small cruiser Chester and transport Buffalo also are at Tampico with the collier Cyclops.

At Vera Cruz are the battleships Florida and Utah and the transport Prairie, the latter having a large complement of marines. Rear Admiral Mayo commands the ships at Tampico and Rear Admiral Fletcher commands those at Vera Cruz. When Rear Admiral Badger arrives he will take command.

The flagship Arkansas with the other ships, with Admiral Badger were off Key West last night, making about eleven and a half knots, and at that rate would reach Tampico Tuesday. Orders from Washington, however, putting the newest ships under forced draught would bring them to Tampico Monday, prepared for action, if President Wilson has to lay the situation before congress.

The fact that the senate was not in session, being adjourned over until Monday, was referred to by some officials as the only reason the president did not take the situation question to the capital today.

On Monday there will be an opportunity for Mr. Wilson to address the house and senate in a joint session in the hall of the house.

MANY BELIEVE THAT HUERTA WILL WELCOME A WAY OUT

Huerta's final defiance came as a distinct surprise to some officials and confirmed the suspicions of others who never believed that the dictator was sincere in his promise to Charles O'Shaughnessy last Tuesday.

In some circles there is a suspicion that Huerta, beset with international troubles and menaced by the continued advance of his enemies from the north, was bent on making trouble with the United States in the hope of uniting the warring Mexican factions in a common cause.

Officials here, however, did not expect that the constitutionalists with whom the United States has no quarrel, would be concerned in the quarrel with Huerta.

CONGRESS WILL GIVE THE PRESIDENT FREE HAND

The president has not made known what plan of action he will lay before congress but the discussion up to this time has indicated that the next decisive step would be one of those measures described by international authorities as "measures short of war," known as reprisal or pacific blockade.

The Pacific blockade has not been fully regarded in executive quarters for while it would put a restraint on the ships of Mexico it would not assure a stop in the shipping of foreign powers dealing with Mexico. Therefore, has appeared to furnish the method usual in redressing an offense, such as the one now being dealt with.

Reprisal is usually carried out by the sequestration or seizure of property belonging to the offending state and holding it until redress is given to it.

This method, however, that inasmuch as there would probably be no action before tomorrow night he will change his plans to go to White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., and bring Mrs. Wilson back to Washington.

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